

2017

One Hundred Sixty-Fifth Annual Report of Municipal Officers of the Town of Holden

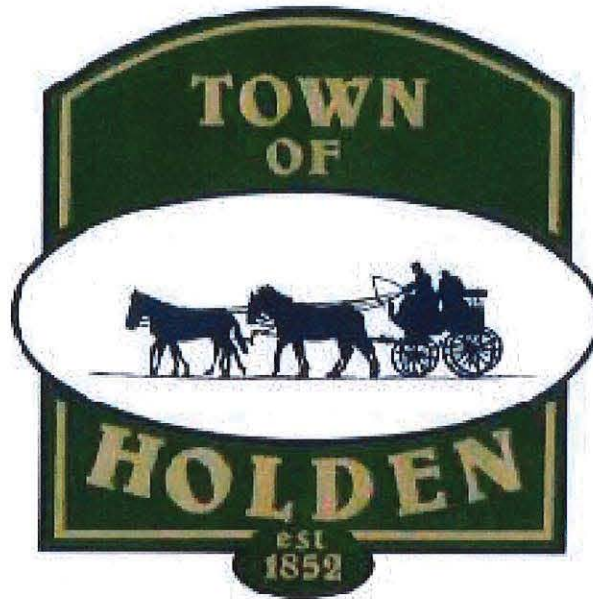
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2017 Town Report

**For the Citizens and Taxpayers
of Holden**

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HOLDEN**

**TOWN ELECTION
HOLDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018
VOTING BEGINS AT 7:00 A.M.
POLLS CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.**

**TOWN MEETING
HOLDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

**PLEASE KEEP THIS REPORT
THE SUPPLY IS LIMITED**

**BRING IT TO THE
TOWN MEETING WITH YOU**

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TOWN DEDICATION 2017

Councilor Ralph McLeod

“Holden...because it’s worth it!”

Ralph McLeod was born in our nation’s capital of Washington D.C, but was raised in the great state of Maine. Ralph served as a Marine, enlisting in 1967. He moved to Holden in 1978 after purchasing a camp on Holbrook Pond. It was down the road from his father in-law, making him the owner of not only a camp in Holden, but the owner of his own island.

Later on, Ralph saw fit to move to Holden where he still resides today, on Route 1A, with his wife of 42 years, Barb . When he moved to town he brought more than family with him, he brought his business: working in retail and service of guns, knives, military memorabilia, and cameras. He designed his shop to accommodate his home for his family. It gave him one of the shortest commutes to work of anyone in town, able to go down

a flight of stairs with coffee in one hand and a bagel in the other to turn on the open sign.

Taking an interest in the town, Ralph served for 3 years between 1989 and 1991 on the Town Hall/Grange Hall Restoration Committee. Then, in the winter of 1993, Holden held a special election to fill the vacant seat of a Selectman and Ralph saw it as his opportunity to be a bigger part of Holden and serve its citizens. The election was held a few short days before Christmas that year and he saw this as an opportunity to reach out to residents and ask for their vote by sending a Christmas card to every registered voter. His strategy worked and he started his political career in town on December 14th, 1993, serving through June 30th of 2005, then again from July 1, 2008 until June 30, 2017. Over the years he saw many changes in our community and says the biggest changes of which he was most proud of were providing the infrastructure our Public Safety Personnel in the Police and Fire Departments. "The people of Holden deserve to have the very best of services and in order to provide that we need to make sure the people providing that service are taken care of."

Ralph McLeod proved himself to be a long serving member of our elected body for over 21 years, working in the best interests of Holden's residents and the municipal employees. On behalf of all of us in Holden, we dedicate the 2018 Town Report to Ralph McLeod.

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EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance or Rescue	911
Fire Department (to report a fire)	911
Police Services	911
State Police (Bangor Barracks)	941-8530
Non-emergency police	945-4636

OTHER IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Holden Website	www.holdenmaine.com
Holden School	843-7828
Holbrook School	843-7769
Superintendent of Schools	843-7851
Town Office	843-5151
Town Fax	843-5153
Town Garage	843-7231
County Commissioners	942-4486
Animal Control	843-5442
Holden Fire Dept	843-6737
Holden Post Office	843-6474
Holden Police Dept	843-5442
Penobscot Registry of Deeds	942-8797
Pine Tree Waste Inc Trash & Recycling	1-800-639-6205
Game Warden (State Police Dispatch)	866-2121

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

JULY 1, 2018 --- JUNE 30, 2019

These are legal holidays and the Town Office is closed.

Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 3
Columbus Day	Monday, October 8
Veterans Day	Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 22
Thanksgiving	Friday November 23
Christmas Day	Tuesday, December 25

New Years Day	Tuesday, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday	Monday, January 14
Presidents Day	Monday, February 18
Patriots Day	Monday, April 15
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The Council meets the **3rd Monday of the month** at 6:00 P.M. in the conference room at the Municipal Building.

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS:

The Planning Board meets the **2nd Tuesday of the month** at 6:00 P.M. in the conference room at the Municipal Building.

Roadside Trash Collection:

Every **Thursday** please have your trash out by 7:00 A.M. Each trash bag may not exceed 30 gallons or 40 pounds and must have a **STICKER** placed around the neck of the bag.

Roadside Recycling Pickup:

Roadside recycling is contracted with Pine Tree Waste Inc. Concerns or questions may be directed to them at 1-800-639-6205.

Roadside Recycling pickup is every other Thursday.

Municipal Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday	8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M
Wednesday - Extended hours	7:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

ELECTED:
COUNCIL (3 -Year Terms)

David R. Black, Chair	Term expires June, 2018
Thomas Copeland, Vice-Chair	Term expires June, 2019
Paul Amoroso	Term expires June, 2019
Robert Harvey	Term expires June, 2020
Patricia Sirois	Term expires June, 2020

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE
DISTRICT 63 DIRECTORS (3 -Year Terms)

Daniel Allen	Term expires June, 2019
Suzanne Wieland	Term expires June, 2018
Jennifer Newcomb	Term expires June, 2018
Gavin Robinson	Term expires June, 2020

APPOINTED:

Animal Control Officer	Eduardo Benjamin
Assessor	Millard Billings
Civil Emergency Preparedness Officer	Ryan Davis
Code Enforcement Officer	Benjamin R. K. Breadmore
Fire Chief	Ryan Davis
General Assistance Administrator	Wanda Libbey
Deputy	Nicole MacFarline
Health Officer	Benjamin R. K. Breadmore
Notaries Public	Wanda Libbey, Roberta Gray
Nicole MacFarline	Sherry Murray

Plumbing Inspector	Benjamin R. K. Breadmore
Police Chief	Chris Greeley
Registrar of Voters	Wanda Libbey
Road Commissioner	Benjamin R. K. Breadmore
Sealer of Weights And Measures	State of Maine
Superintendent of Schools	Susan Smith
Tax Collector	Sherry Murray
Deputy	Nicole MacFarline
Town Clerk	Wanda Libbey
Deputy	Sherry Murray
Deputy	Nicole MacFarline
Deputy	Roberta Gray
Town Manager	Benjamin R. K. Breadmore
Treasurer	Sherry Murray
Deputy	Benjamin R. K. Breadmore

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

PLANNING BOARD

(5 -Year Terms)

Carol Cuddy	Term expires June, 2021
Joy Knowles	Term expires June, 2019
Lance Lord	Term expires June, 2018
Jeffrey McBurnie, Chair	Term expires June, 2019
Susan McKay	Term expires June, 2018
Michael Pedreschi	Term expires June, 2020
Allan Poole, Vice Chair	Term expires June, 2019

BOARD OF APPEALS

(5 -Year Terms)

John Bunker, Chair	Term expires June, 2019
Steve Crotty	Term expires June, 2020

Cynthia G. Triplett	Term expires June, 2019
Thomas W. Kelly III	Term expires June, 2020
Kevin Cuddy	Term expires June, 2020

CEMETERY BOARD

(3 -Year Terms)

Bonnie Clark, Chairperson	Term expires June, 2020
Joyce Pinkham	Term expires June, 2018
Jane Black	Term expires June, 2018
Ellen Campbell	Term expires June, 2019
Gary Thomas	Term expires June, 2019

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

(3 - Year Terms)

Vacant	Term expires June, 2018
Jay Otis	Term expires June, 2020
Ryan Carey	Term expires June, 2020

RECREATION BOARD

(3 -Year Terms)

Michelle Archambault	Term expires June, 2019
Carson Kelley	Term expires June, 2020
Thomas Smith Jr	Term expires June, 2018

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

(3 – Year Terms)

Benjamin Birch	June 30, 2018
Kerry Zimmerman	June 30, 2020
David Dorr	June 30, 2019

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

FY 2017-2018

Carol Cuddy	Donna Hall
Bonita Clark	Mary McDonald
Ellen Campbell	Jonathan Racine
Joy Knowles	Hank Stewart
Wade Townley	

**TOWN DEPARTMENTS
AS OF MARCH 31, 2017**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Bruce E. Dowling, Highway Foreman	Darrin Gray
Richard Reynolds	Thomas Cormier

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Chris Greeley	Lt. Eduardo Benjamin
Officer Anthony Cobb	Officer Stefin Brown
Officer Kenneth Dowling	Officer Dain Bryant
Officer Bruce Graybill	Officer Ryan Freeman
Officer Rodney Gerald	Officer Tim Brown
Officer Kevin Harvey	Officer Gary Huff

FIRE DEPARTMENT/ RESCUE

Asst. Chief Nate Hastings 18 yrs.	Ryan Carey 3 yrs.
James Doyle 16 yrs.	Drew Hutchins 2 yrs.
Asst. Chief Tim True 15 yrs.	JR Gray 2 yrs.
Lt. Paul Smith 15 yrs.	Chris Luce 2 yrs.
Chief Ryan Davis 14yrs.	Tareq Alolwan 2 yrs.
Lt. Brent Basley 10 yrs.	Stephen Kirby 1 yr.
Doug Hein 10 yrs.	Edward Moulton 1 yr.
Lt. Dale Wunder 8 yrs.	Justin Bartlett 1 yr.
Eric Jameson 6 yrs.	Robert Mello 6 mths
Craig Russell 5 yrs.	Glenn Benevides 3 mths
Benny Rogers 4 yrs.	Brandon Randall 2 mths

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT
REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS

It is sometimes very difficult for the Council to find individuals who are interested in donating their free time and expertise to serve on the numerous committees and boards, which are part of the administrative process of this community.

In order to have a cross representation of as many ideas as possible by individuals in this community, any person interested in serving on any of the committees or boards listed below should place a check mark adjacent to the committee or board on which you are interested in serving and return the bottom portion to the Town Office.

We appreciate your interest and cooperation.

I would be interested in serving on the following committee(s) or board(s) when a position becomes available:

- ☐ Board of Assessment
- ☐ Budget Committee
- ☐ Cemetery Board
- ☐ Conservation Commission
- ☐ Historical Society
- ☐ Planning Board
- ☐ Veterans Committee
- ☐ Zoning Board of Appeals

Full Name _____

Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT 2017

It is with great pleasure that I submit the Town of Holden's Annual Report for the year 2017 to the Citizens and Elected Officials of the Town of Holden. This report contains financial statistics from the annual audit, vital statistics information, budget information, letters from our State Legislators and Senators along with letters from our Congressional Representatives and U.S. Senators. Also included are Town Departmental and Committee reports.

At the annual election in June, one new member was elected to the Holden Town Council, Councilor Patricia Sirois, who replaced Councilor Ralph McLeod. Councilor McLeod served the citizens of Holden for over 21 years as a Selectman and then on Council. We welcome Councilor Sirois and sincerely thank Ralph McLeod for his service to our community. His logical approach to problem solving and his institutional knowledge will be missed.

2017 has been a record year in calls for service from Public Safety in both the Fire Department and the Police Department.

I would like to thank all the Town employees who regularly go above and beyond what is expected of them to ensure that the needs of Holden's citizens are not only met, but exceeded. Staff and I are similarly grateful to all of the individuals who donate their time to serve on the Town's Boards and Committees through the year. It is my sincere pleasure to work for the Town of Holden and its citizens and as always, my door is open if you have concerns I can help you with.

Respectfully,
Benjamin R. K. Breadmore, TM

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 2017

VITAL STATISTICS:

Population (According to 2010 Census)	3,076
Births	30
Deaths	32
Marriages	17
Registered Voters	2,649

INLAND FISHERIES:

Hunting and Fishing Licenses issued	289
Boat Registrations issued	304
ATV Registrations issued	189
Snowmobile Registrations issued	218

MOTOR VEHICLES:

Total Motor Vehicle Registrations	3733
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ANIMAL WELFARE:

Dog Licenses Issued	595
Kennel Licenses Issued	1

Respectfully Submitted,
Wanda Libbey, Town Clerk

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS REPORT 2017

I would like to start by thanking all of the ballot clerks for their service in 2017 and also to recognize and thank Ellen Campbell, Bonnie Clark and Donna Tolman who served as Wardens for various elections. All of the elections ran smoothly due to the expertise and professionalism of all of you. In addition, thank you to the Public Works Crew for setting up and dismantling the voting booths.

Remember, if you wish to change your party affiliation or if your name changes, you must update your current voter registration card.

If you are a registered voter and are interested in working at the polls during the elections, please call 843-5151. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

As of December 31, 2017, there were 2,649 registered voters.

<u>Election Participation Data</u>	
June 13, 2017 Election	228
November 7, 2017 Election	867

Respectfully Submitted,
Wanda Libbey, Registrar of Voters

ANIMAL CONTROL 2017

During the year 2017 the Animal Control Officer received 136 calls for animal related problems. The Animal Control Officer is charged to investigate problems with domesticated animals. The majority of these calls are for dogs roaming at large. We are also required by law to ensure that all the dogs are registered with the town each year.

If there is a problem with wild animals the Maine Warden Service should be called. The Warden Service can be contacted by calling the Maine State Police Barracks at 866-2121. The Town of Holden Animal Control Officer can be contacted by calling the Holden Police Department at 843-5442.

If you find that your animal is missing or may have wandered off, you should call the Animal Control Officer at the Holden Police Department to check if that animal has been turned over to us. You may also contact the Bangor Humane Society located at 693 Mt. Hope Ave., #B, in Bangor. The phone number is 942-8902. It is also important to make sure the animals are wearing their registration tags so we can identify the owner as soon as possible.

If you have a dog that has passed away please contact the office so we can take it off our records.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt. Eduardo Benjamin, Animal Control Officer

FIRE / RESCUE DEPARTMENT REPORT 2017

During 2017 Holden Fire/Rescue responded to 602 calls for assistance. Medical assistance request were 285 of the calls (47%), while 317 (53%) were fire or other emergency related. This year was another record breaking year for us, responding to 50 more incidents than last year. It is worth noting that last year we responded to 62 more calls than the previous year, representing an increase of 20% call volume in the last two years.

Fortunately, there were no fire related deaths or injuries in Holden for the year. Sadly, we did respond to a fatal motor vehicle crash on our very busy Main Road. Accidents as a whole were less than the previous years but we still continue to see this roadway being very dangerous. This is still one of, if not the most dangerous things we respond to here in Holden.

I am happy to report that we have had zero workplace injuries this year. Our crew, every time we respond, train or do anything, preaches health and safety. We would not have a response if we did not keep ourselves safe and healthy first. This pays off in the long run as our business is the definition of a dangerous work

environment. We continue to practice safe workplace trainings, response and always watch out for ourselves and our coworkers.

Last year, I reported that our call stats would be changing. It took much longer than expected, but finally our systems changed from one report system to the next. We are still working the bugs out of the current operating system, but we have been able to pull extra data on what we deal with besides emergencies. Since July, we have reported 195 calls for service. This is a separate number from our call count above. These 195 service calls are everything we do on a daily basis that is not our typical day to day operations; such as truck checks, maintenance, cleaning, and public services in station. This 195 does represent things like; inspections, preplans, assistance with public outside of the station, trainings, and some important meetings. These numbers are very important to note as we not only are being requested to respond to more emergencies but we are being asked to do many other non-emergency things as well.

This summer Holden Fire/Rescue and Maine Forest Service teamed up to help each other out. Due to a very busy fire season and weather conditions that were very dry, crews were requested for wildfire help throughout the summer and fall. The Maine Forest Service used our department as a call center for manpower. This did not cost the town money, since the firefighters were called up, they were paid by the state and on their workman's comp. This was simply a manpower cache that the state could use. Our crew officer would assess the request from a ranger and make sure we could fulfill it. Not only did we want to help the ranger, but we must make sure our department is staffed as well. The crews called up gained valuable training and experience with the Forest Rangers. They also gained knowledge of large scale incidents that we do not typically see every year in Holden. We had members who worked fire lines on some of the largest fires in the state, drove fire engines for Forestry, provided standby at their headquarters in Old Town and were on helitack teams that were available to fly out to the big instate fires. I cannot stress

enough how great this relationship is between Holden and the Maine Forest Service. Holden members assisted Forestry this past summer with close to 850 hours of service.

This year's apparatus update has been a huge success. We were able to successfully down size our fleet, overcome major mechanical failures with engine 392, work out of a rental truck for over a year and make steps to solve all these issues in a relatively timely manner. New 392 will arrive at our station in the late winter of 2018. This truck will replace an almost 20 year old truck that experienced catastrophic pump failure a little over a year ago.

Every year the fire department and its crew look towards the upcoming year to develop goals, plans or any major concerns. This year, with the recent apparatus update and the building accommodations not being a concern, we turn our attention to providing the best service we possibly can. To do this, we as a department need people, training and good equipment. Of these three points, our concern is most definitely the people. We have a solid crew here at the fire department, with very low turnover. Unfortunately, due to the increased call load we do get thin coverage on several occasions in a year. For these reasons we have decided that staffing is the largest issue we face today. Our department is very complex, as we have full time staff, part time staff, and call as needed staff. This creates an interesting balance we have to keep. With the request for service only expected to increase, this year we will seriously look at staffing concerns, scheduling, and our call department to try to handle the load we are expected to carry today.

Many of our members this past year hit several milestones. We do see our share of members come and go, but we have some outstanding crew that have committed a lot to this department and town. For this reason I would like to acknowledge these members and note that it takes a great deal of time and effort for these members to stay current. They are what holds this place together and keeps things going. They keep coming back because they want to be here and want to make a difference in this organiza-

tion and town. I am proud to work with this crew and appreciate everything they do for me and the department. I have noted in our member list their years of service. Please note many of our members have 10-18 years of service and are still going strong.

Finally, I would like to give a huge thank you to the families and loved ones of our members. We appreciate everything you do for our crew while frequently taking care of home, kids and business in our absence. Thank you to the Council and the Town for your support, we will all do our best here at Holden Fire to remain progressive and always remember what's the best for the town and the Holden Fire/Rescue organization.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ryan Davis, Fire Chief

During 2017 the Fire/Rescue Department responded to the following calls for assistance:

Emergency Medical services / Rescues = 285

(Sick, injured, ice or water rescues, wilderness rescue, elevator rescue)

Fires= 37

(Building fires, chimney fires, cooking fires, furnace/boiler fire, wildland fires, vehicle fires)

Motor Vehicle Accidents=35

(Motor vehicle crashes, extrications, general clean ups, traffic controls)

Hazardous Conditions (no fire) = 86

(Propane leak, fuel spills, carbon monoxide, severe weather)

Service calls = 73

(Immediate service, lock outs, animal problem, assist invalid, assist police, water problems, unauthorized burning)

Good Intent = 58

(Wrong location, smoke or odor scare, cancelled enroute, authorized burning)

Alarms = 28

(Fire/smoke alarm, sprinkler alarms, false alarms, malfunctioning alarms)

HIGHWAY REPORT 2017

Welcome to another busy year for the public works department. The end of the winter 2017 was pretty much uneventful, just normal routine work. We had a couple of extremely large storms to contend with. The spring was fairly wet and cool. We managed to get our winter equipment serviced and put away and our summer equipment back in operation in a relatively short amount of time.

We held our popular clean-ups in the spring and fall. Summer found us doing our routine maintenance on the roads along with brush cutting and cemetery work.

We were able to purchase an excavator this year and a flail mower for the excavator, which in my mind is the single best purchase the town has ever made for the public works department. After years of ditching with the backhoe, it is an absolute pleasure to ditch with the excavator. It is faster, it does a neater job and it makes less work for the truck driver. We will be able to take on larger projects in the future. The brush cutter alone takes the place of two men with a saw and a chipper. We are able to cut and chip 3-4 times as much road as with a conventional saw crew. We replaced several large culverts this summer that would have been impossible or at least a challenge for the backhoe. We were also able to replace an aging one ton this past spring.

We had a rather large wind and rain storm this fall which put a lot of trees and debris in the roads. We worked closely with the fire department and were able to keep most of the roads open.

We finished removing the overhead wires at the town office and highway garage. Again this year, we hauled the bulk of the winter sand for the upcoming year. We mixed it at the shop as we stock piled it. Our burials were fairly light this year which enabled us to

concentrate more on the road work. We were able to pave a fair number of roads this year. Hopefully the paving cost will stay down enough for us to catch up on the rest of the roads that are in need of attention. I would like to thank the highway crew, Darrin Gray, Tom Cormier and Rich Reynolds for the time and effort they put in to making this department a pleasure to work in. I would also like to thank the Council for working with us in such an efficient and conscientious manner.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Dowling, Foreman

HOLDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT 2016

With the exception of one year, the Holden Police Department has seen a steady increase in our 'calls to service.' In 2013 we responded to 3000 incidents, in 2014 it rose to 3361, in 2015 it dipped to 3237, and then in 2016 it rose dramatically to 3911. Frankly, with the legalization of marijuana in Maine, we fully expected our numbers to drop again, or at least plateau. However, that was not to be. For the calendar year 2017, your police department dealt with, responded to or self-initiated 4230 incidents. Meaning, almost 12 times a day, every day, we were requested or required to respond to a situation. (As an example, a 'request-for-service' call might mean an officer had to deal with a Burglar or Panic-Alarm Activation [115 times in 2017]; an Assault [12 times last year]; Erratic Vehicles [260 in '17]; or, a Suspicious Person/Circumstances call [103 times]. Examples of 'self initiated' calls include things like OUI arrests [11 last year]; the arrests of Wanted Persons/Fugitives [21 for 2017]; Searches Due to Bail Conditions [7] and times when an officer was involved with Training [134 times last year].) And speaking of training, each officer is mandated by the Police Academy to cover a number of Mandatory Policies, complete a number of on-line trainings with successful quiz-completions, and, attend 'live' training annually, in the area of things like firearm' qualifications.

Along with these, we also dealt with 7 'bad check cases, 1 Bomb Threat, 10 Burglaries, 109 Citizen Assists, 9 Criminal Mischief cases, 4 Deceased Persons, 8 Disorderly Conducts, 8 Drug cases, 23 Family Fights/Domestics, 1 Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident, 36 Fraud Cases, 6 Intoxicated Person reports, 14 Juvenile Problems, 5 Littering complaints, 4 Loitering calls, 5 Motorist Assists, 40 911-Misdials, 8 Noise Problems, 9 Operating After Suspension incidents, 7 Missing Persons, 5 Parking Problems, 8 Suicide Thefts, 11 Threatening cases, 10 Criminal Trespass incidents, 3 Bail Violations, 7 Protection Order incidents, 7 Persons Wanted Out, 62 Welfare Checks and 10 Weapon Discharge complaints. And frankly, this is not even a complete list...

And unfortunately, while we no longer generally deal with marijuana cases, Holden is now seeing the destructive and devastating results of the heroin/opioid epidemic. In 2017, we were called to roughly 15 Drug Overdoses. Fortunately, most were not fatalities. It has become even MORE of a regular occurrence, however, that we are charging people with heroin possession or trafficking; dealing with the death of someone as the result of its use; and/or seeing the administration of Narcan, as a way to revive the user. And with that, comes the increased potential for accidental exposure to officers when dealing with these deadly drugs and their victims. Where it used to be that we would find someone with a marijuana pipe in their pocket, we are now routinely finding people with needles in their arms...If we are now so commonly seeing these drugs in Holden, I can only imagine what larger Maine communities are dealing with.

Happily though, we also had 196 Public Service incidents. Meaning, almost 200 hundred separate times, officers here conducted good deeds for members of the community. These included our '25 Days of Kindness' endeavor last December, a Red Cross event where a retired NFL player assisted us, a woman's self-

defense class, and many others.

Thank you for taking the time to read this!

Respectfully yours,
Chief Chris Greeley

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT 2017

In 2017, 45 total building permit fees were collected in the amount of \$13,270.20.

The issuance of a permit indicates that the new structure, addition, renovation, foundation, plumbing and heating system, fireplace, prefabricated structure, temporary building or mobile home, has been approved for construction, demolition or placement and that the project will be inspected for compliance with the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance.

Special permits from the Planning Board may be required whenever the project is within the Shoreland, Commercial, Community Service, and Institutional Zones. Please do not hesitate to contact the Town Office for additional information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Building Inspector

PLUMBING INSPECTOR REPORT 2017

Internal Permits issued	12
Internal Fees collected	\$1,110
External Permits issued	15
External Fees collected	\$3,695
Total Permits issued	27
Total Fees collected	\$4,805

Permits are required for the following:

The installation or replacement of all water distribution and drainage pipes, hot water storage tanks, and hot water heaters.

The installation of all new faucets, valves and plumbing fixtures.

The installation or construction of treatment tanks, holding tanks, alternative toilets; including primitive disposal systems, disposal area and separate laundry disposal systems.

Respectfully Submitted,
Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Plumbing Inspector

PLANNING BOARD REPORT 2017

The Planning Board had an extremely quiet year regarding commercial and residential development in Holden. In 2017, the Board reviewed and approved (or approved with conditions) requests for the following:

A Site Plan for a full-service Hair Salon on Main Road (Rt. 1A)

A modified Site Plan to add Auto Recycling on Leeds Way

A Special Permit to Construct a Seasonal Home on Cottage Shore Dr., and

A Site Plan for a Commercial Greenhouse on Main Rd (Rt. 1A)

I'd like to thank our Board (Carol Cuddy, Joy Knowles, Susan McKay, Allan Poole, Michael Pedreschi and our newest member, Lance Lord) for their participation and preparedness. We work to preserve the Town characteristics that draw people to become and remain residents of Holden, while building a business environment that will allow the Town to provide exemplary services to our citizens. This would not be possible without the continued support and leadership of the Town Council, the Town Manager and the Manager and the Town's exceptional staff. Preserving Holden's character and developing a strong economic base are

our paramount responsibilities in serving the Town of Holden.

Living and working in Holden is special. Our Board, with your input and feedback, will work to ensure that is always the case. We invite you to attend any of our meetings; your participation in these meetings is valued and always welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff McBurnie, Chair

CEMETERY BOARD 2017

First I would like to thank everyone who braved the cold, rain and snow to help lay the wreaths and set the flags for our Veteran's on their special day.

This past year, all the broken and leaning stones that could be repaired were taken care of by Thomas Stevens of Cemetery Restoration.

The Town and Cemetery Board have acquired another Cemetery on lower Rt. 46 by Mill Stream. It has been named the Burton-Rowe Cemetery in honor of the folks buried there.

The Town Officials and the Cemetery Board have been working very hard to get the Rules of the Cemeteries up to date. It has finally been completed. So you may want to stop by the Town Office to pick up a copy along with the Cemetery Ordinances that have also been updated.

The placing of boxes, shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, chairs, settees, vases, fences, edging materials, shepherd hooks, trellises, or other rock materials will not be allowed in flower beds or on cemetery lots. No cement, plastic or wood will be allowed around any flower beds on cemetery lots. No white marble, granite chips, or other rock materials will be allowed in flower beds or on cemetery lots.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonita Clark, Chairperson

HOLDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The year 2017, was a great year for the Society. One of the big things we did was apply for a Maine Community Foundation Grant to repair the windows. Although we were not lucky enough to receive the grant, we have successfully raised funds for the repair of four windows, and they are in the process of being restored. Look for them in the spring! We intend to continue fundraising and putting our hearts and souls into restoring the building not only for the Society, but for the Holden Community. Lots to do! Come and join us!

The Society hosted several programs and the building was utilized by other Town non-profits for their fundraising. Christmas always brings the Tree Lighting and for our second year, an essay contest for elementary students.

The Society is looking forward to 2018, including building our membership, hosting presentations and programs at the Old Town Hall, and continuing to collect, preserve and teach Holden history. Check us out at our website www.holdenmehistory.org or our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/holdenmehistory.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kerry Zimmerman, President

2017 MUNICIPAL VALUATION

Assessed Real Estate Valuation:

Land	\$ 102,816,090.00
Buildings	175,095,020.00
Total:	\$ 277,911,110.00

Personal Property Valuations:

Production Machinery & Equipment	\$ 1,833,390.00
Furniture & Fixtures	242,790.00
Total of other personal property	282,540.00
Total:	\$ 2,358,720.00

Total Taxable Valuation: \$ 280,269,830.00

Computation of Tax Commitment:

Municipal Appropriations	\$ 2,859,295.00
Education Appropriations	2,817,085.00
County Tax	379,105.00
Overlay	<u>50,430.49</u>
Total:	\$ 6,105,915.49

Deductions:

State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 144,000.00
Homestead Reimbursement	132,177.57
BETE Reimbursement	3,647.62
Other Revenue	<u>1,369,800.00</u>
Total Deductions	\$ 1,649,625.19
Net Commitment	\$ 4,456,290.30

Tax Rate Per \$1,000 Valuation \$15.90

Respectfully submitted,
Millard Billings, Tax Assessor

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
2017 OUTSTANDING REAL ESTATE TAXES AS OF 5/01/2018**

3D HOLDING CO	12,725.80	KING, MARIUS N	18.52
ACHORN, APRIL & LESSA A. BROWN	12.69	KINGSBURY, EDWARD F.	1,434.47
ADAMS, CHARLES R	3,641.68	KNOWLES, MEAGHAN M.	1,948.20
ADAMS, CHARLES R SR	2,339.93	LARGAY, MICHELLE L	144.37
AUCOIN, TED H TRUSTEE	1,292.40	LEGASSE, DEREK M	3,426.10
BEMIS, GREGORY A	2,170.48	LIBBY, JOANNE	1,793.33
BENEFICIAL MAINE INC.	1,107.71	LINDSEY, JEFFREY L & ANNETTE I.	867.95
BLANCHARD, STEVEN	1,420.32	LITTLEFIELD, TIMOTHY P. JR.	970.64
BURKETTE, RAYMOND C & TAMARA L.	362.49	LITTLEFIELD, TIMOTHY P.	1,625.75
COLEMAN, KAY D	948.69	LOGAN, GEORGE	300.00
COSTAIN, FLORENCE M -LIFE TENANT	1,864.09	MACDONALD, EDITH M.	270.57
CRAWFORD, ROLAND A. & CRAWFORD, APRIL J.	1,320.38	MARSH, JERRY	419.91
CUST, PAUL F. JR.	411.46	MAXCY, DAVID	268.36
DEARBORN, JOEL JR	886.40	MILLER, PAUL M. & JOHN	860.87
DORR, SHIRLEY	1,964.58	PARKER, MARK R.	1,254.80
EASLER, NICOLE	413.53	PEARSON, TAMMY PER. REP OF KARL, SHA	1,388.04
EASTBROOK TIMBER CO.,INC	6,018.56	PERKINS, LEROY A -LIFE TENANT	984.34
EDWARDS, ALLISON ET AL	63.09	POWELL, JOHN D.	2,724.12
EQUITY TRUST CO.	288.16	RAYMOND, BONNIE	637.72
FARQUHAR, STEPHANIE	191.64	RAYMOND, TERRY N	1,991.13
GASS, LAWRENCE	447.28	RAYMOND, WILFRED H	564.26
GEISER, ANN	5,667.37	RICHARDSON, ROBERT S	2,630.63
GEISER, SHANE & ANN	6,715.47	ROBICHAUD, ALBERIC	3,594.64
GOLDER ME HOMES LLC	518.95	SANDERS, ROBERT A	2,031.04
GOLDER, PATRICIA A..	654.90	SANZARO, DAVID A & SANDRA JO	3,136.56
HANCOCK FRANKLIN SURETY, LLC	1,275.30	SMITH, THOMAS A & BRENDA J.	2,119.44
HAYNES, HERBERT & HELEN	1,719.24	STANLEY, ERIC	582.23
HODGE, RYAN & NICOLE	351.68	U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	2,541.27
HODGINS, PAUL	75.41	WHITNEY, DENNIS L. & APREL D.	1,807.32
HOLDEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	1,262.91	WILSON, RUSSELL S. & BONNIE T.	2,134.23
HOLDEN SQUARE ASSOCIATES	45.78	WOLFE, FAYE, ESTATE OF	724.53
HULBERT, IAN	3,347.72	YOUNG, RHONDA L. & YOUNG, LAWRENCI	2,919.05
JUILLI, DANIEL	104.43	TOTAL	\$109,744.91

2016 OUTSTANDING REAL ESTATE LIENS AS OF 5/01/2018

3D HOLDING CO	9,877.83	HULBERT, IAN	3,741.57
ADAMS, CHARLES R	4,030.69	KINGSBURY, EDWARD F	1,613.48
ANDRADE, JOSHUA	74.08	LIBBY, JOANNE	2,066.90
BEMIS, GREGORY A	2,408.13	LINDSEY, JEFFREY L & ANNETTE I.	883.56
BLANCHARD, STEV EN	1,687.45	LOGAN, GEORGE	363.68
BOSSE, JOSEPH R-LIFE TENANT	3,731.66	MAPLES, DAVID & MELODY	217.46
BOUCHARD, RENEE	403.68	PARKER, MARK R	1,491.19
BRALEY, CANDICE S	1,095.99	PEARSON, TAMMY PER. REP OF KARL, SHA	1,637.77
BURKETTE, RAYMOND C & TAMARA L.	431.40	RAYMOND, BONNIE	814.30
CARPENTER, HENRY	107.53	RAYMOND, TERRY N	2,281.75
COLEMAN, KAY	396.83	RAYMOND, WILFRED H	167.56
COSTAIN, FLORENCE M-LIFE TENANT	595.90	RICHARDSON, ROBERT S	2,854.49
EASTBROOK TIMBER CO, INC	4,758.04	SANDERS, ROBERT A	120.07
GEISER, ANN	5,482.91	SANZARO, DAVID A & SANDRA JO	2,732.74
GEISER, SHANE & ANN	7,354.32	WHITNEY, DENNIS L. & APREL D.	2,083.44
HAYNES, HERBERT & HELEN	1820.54	WILSON, RUSSELL S. & BONNIE T.	400.43
HOLDEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	120.26	WOLFE, FAYE, ESTATE OF	436.79
		TOTAL	\$68,284.42

UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF 5/12/2018

3D HOLDING CO	585.92
GLENWOOD REALTY ASSOCIATED, LLC	59.72
TOTAL	\$645.64

COMMUNITY SERVICE PHONE NUMBERS

Adult & Elderly Abuse/Neglect (24 hour) Hot-line	
.....	1-800-624-8404
American Red Cross	941-2903
Animal Welfare (Augusta)	287-3846
Bangor DHHS Connecting All Programs	1-800-432-7825
Career Center	561-4050
Child Abuse & Neglect (24 hour) Hot-line	1-800-452-1999
Dept of Environmental Protection	1-800-452-1942
Dept of Motor Vehicle	287-3330
Domestic Abuse	1-800-863-9909
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	941-2865
Efficiency Maine (Energy)	1-866-376-2463
Inland Fish and Wildlife Department	287-8000
IRS	1-800-829-1040
Mental Health Crisis Hot-line	1-888-568-1112
Penquis CAP Lynx Transportation	1-866-853-5969
Pine Tree Legal Assistance	942-8241
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222
Registry of Deeds	942-8797
Social Security	990-4530
Unemployment Call Center	1-800-593-7660
Veterans Administration	1-800-827-1000